

Memo To: Tom Blanchard, Chairman
ISHS Board of Trustees

From: Janet L. Gallimore, Executive Director; Cara Walker, Development Administrator

Re: Idaho State Historical Society FY 2011 Proposed Grants

Date: July 13, 2010

Recommended Action: Approve submittal and acceptance of proposed FY 2011 Grant plan and individual grant submittals as noted.

Background: The Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) is authorized by Title 67 State Government and State Affairs, Chapter 41, 67-4129A that states that the *director of the Idaho state historical society may receive, on behalf of the society, any money or real or personal property donated, bequeathed, devised or conditionally granted to the society.*

The ISHS seeks grants and non-state sources to supplement its general fund appropriations to provide programs, services and facilities of general availability and use to all Idaho residents. The general tax revenues of ISHS are insufficient to accommodate the operation, maintenance and administrative costs of providing ISHS programs, services, facilities and special use areas for Idaho's growing populations. It is therefore been the practice that agency work groups have sought grants to off-set the costs associated with producing services and for special projects.

The Agency has planned for and prioritized its grant strategy in accordance with FY 2011 budget principles. Approval of this plan is additionally important so that 1) the Agency can make an accurate appropriations request and secure spending authority and 2) meet the requirement that many grants have for full board approval prior to submittal.

Additional grants that may be brought forth for consideration will be approved in accordance with the ISHS Grants policy.

Budgetary impact: At any given time, the Society has as many as 20 active grants totaling over \$1 million dollars. Funds can be from private, state, or federal sources each with their own set of professional, fiscal and ethical standards. This policy will result in more efficient and effective grant management.

Review by others: ISHS Administrators